

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-23 are pending.

The claims have been further amended in response to the teleconference with the Examiner on April 14, 2008 wherein the Examiner noted that claim 18 did not include a definition of R_3 or R_4 . Claim 18 has been amended above to include the definitions of R_3 or R_4 found, for example, in claim 1. The claims have been further amended, without prejudice, to rewrite some aspects of the claimed invention in a more traditional U.S. claim format. No new matter has been added.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claims as amended above and the remarks of the Amendment submitted March 13, 2008 are requested.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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